

REMARKS

Claims 11-14 are pending in the application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the Amendment and Remarks.

Claims 11-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicant regards as the invention.

Applicants have amended claim 11 to be consistent with claim 14. Applicants have amended claim 12 to clarify what "condenses" is referring to in the claim.

In addition, the Examiner states that it is unclear how the second dividing wall perform the "and/or turning chambers of the heat exchangers from each other." Applicants respectfully traverse.

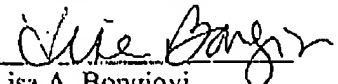
Applicants point to the Figures 1 and 2 and the corresponding description on page 3, second paragraph through fourth paragraph. First, Applicants note that the first dividing wall is provided for establishing a channel from the lower part 8 to the upper part of the evaporator to allow exhaust vapor leaving the lower heat exchanger into the lower portion 8 of the evaporator 1 to flow to the upper part of the evaporator for escaping of the housing of the evaporator. Figure 1 illustrates an embodiment of the invention in which the second dividing wall 19 separates steam space 12 from steam space 18 and also separates turning chamber 13 from turning chamber 20. Thus, the second dividing wall 19 may divide either the steam spaces or the turning chambers and also may divide both the steam spaces and the turning chambers. The second dividing wall, therefore, is the feature that ensures that the primary heat supplying media as vapors, steams, or the like can be supplied completely independent from each other to the heat exchangers. Accordingly, Applicants believe that the claimed limitation is clear and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw that rejection.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is cordially requested to telephone the undersigned.

In the event the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks deems additional fees to be due in connection with this application, Applicants' attorney hereby authorizes that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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